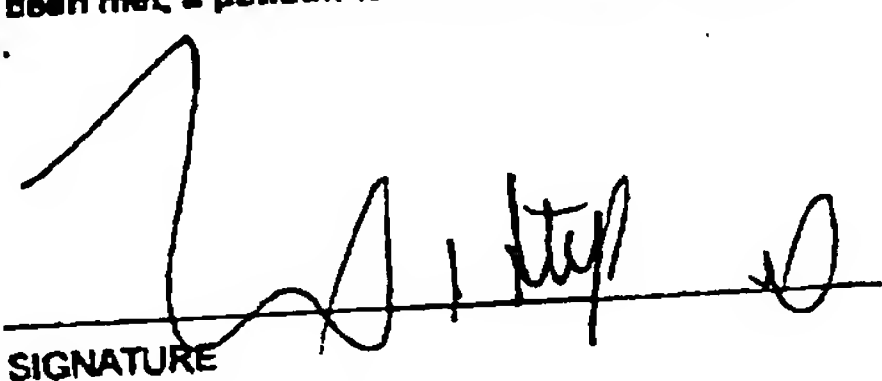


Substitute for Form PTO-1390		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 004900-273	
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				10/562908 U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR 2004/001669		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE JUNE 29, 2004		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED JUNE 30, 2003	
TITLE OF INVENTION THERMAL AND/OR ACOUSTIC INSULATION MATERIALS SHAPED FROM SILICA (as amended)					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Julien HERNANDEZ and Catherine ENJALBERT					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission to items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (22) indicated below. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). 					
Items 11 to 21 below concern document(s) or information included:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <u>International Search Report corresponding to PCT/FR 2004/001669, issued on April 27, 2005, 4 pages; PCT/ISA/210 and 237; Forms PCT/IB 304 and 311; Form PTO-1449 and cited references</u> 					

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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information:				CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
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22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:					
Basic Filing Fee (1631)				\$ 300.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 (1617) for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.482(a)).				\$ 130.00	
CLAIMS		NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	27	-20 =	7	* \$50.00 (1615)	\$ 350.00
Independent Claims	2	-3 =	0	* \$200.00 (1614)	\$ 0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				+ \$360.00 (1618)	\$ 0.00
Examination Fee				+ \$200.00 (1633)	\$ 200.00
Search Fee				+ \$400.00 (1632)	\$ 400.00
App. Size Fee (add \$250.00 for each add'l 50 sheets exceeding 100 sheets)					\$ 0.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =					\$ 1,380.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.					\$ 0.00
SUBTOTAL =					\$ 1,380.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 (1616) for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.482(f)).					\$ 0.00
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =					\$ 1,380.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 (8021) per property +					\$ 40.00
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =					\$ 1,420.00
				Amount to be refunded:	
				charged:	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ 1,420.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4800 in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge _____ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:					
Buchanan Ingersoll PC Including attorneys from Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis P.O. Box 1404 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404 (703) 836-6620					
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